GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:505
ANSWERED ON:28.08.2001
WELFARE OF TRIBALS
PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the funds provided by the Union Government under the Tribal Sub-plan have been diverted for other purposes in most of the cases, thereby depriving the tribals of the benefits;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to enquire into such cases;

(d) the allocation made during the Ninth Plan for the welfare of tribals, State-wise;

(e) whether diversion of funds under the Tribal Sub-plan has been reported from the districts of Malda, Uttar Dinajpur, Dakshin Dinajpur, Jalpaiguri, Cooch-Bihar and Darjeeling of West Bengal;

(f) if so, the facts thereof; and (g) the steps taken by the Government to curb such practice on the part of the State Governments?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) to (g) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to parts (a) to (g) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 505 for answer on 28.8.2001 tabled by Shri Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi regarding `Welfare of Tribals`

(a) & (b): In the Report of Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year ended March, 1998, it has inter-alia been brought out that scrutiny of the records in selected districts of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, West Bengal and Daman & Diu, revealed that funds aggregating Rs. 85.88 crores which pertain to Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan were diverted to other schemes/activities. These observations are based on sample check of documents for the period 1992-98 of the Ministry and the implementing departments and agencies of 17 States and one U.T.

(c): The matter has been taken up with the State Governments concerned.

(d): Except for SCA to TSP and grants under Article 275(1) of the Constitution, State-wise allocation of funds in respect of other Schemes is not made. A Statement showing the funds released to the State Governments/UTs under the various Schemes of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for welfare of tribals during the first four years of the Ninth Plan (1997-1998 to 2000-2001) is attached.

(e) & (f): The Report of the C & AG, referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) above, does not specifically mention the districts where diversion of funds under SCA to TSP had taken place.

(g) : In order to ensure timely utilization of funds provided for the welfare and upliftment of Scheduled Tribes and minimize the scope for diversion of funds, the following measures have been taken:-

(i) Utilization Certificates insisted upon as a pre-requisite for further release of funds.

(ii) Periodic progress reports regarding the status of implementation of schemes are obtained;

(iii) Central Government officers visit the States/UTs to ascertain on the spot the progress of implementation of schemes.

(iv) Meetings/Conferences are convened at Central level with State Secretaries of Tribal Welfare to ensure timely submission of proposals for release of funds and to speed up implementation of schemes.

(v) At the State level, the agencies like Tribal Advisory Council, Project Implementation Committees of ITDPS at Block levels and

Panchayat Samitis monitor timely spending of money and effective implementation of Schemes.

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 505for 28.8.2001 by Shri Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi regarding `Welfare of Tribals`.

Statement showing the funds released to State Governments/UTs under the various schemesof Ministry of Tribal Affairs for welfare of Tribals, during the first four years of the Ninth Plan (1997-98 to 2000-2001).

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of the State/UT	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3493.10	4036.85	3857.17	4562.18
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	120.26	60.00	80.45	376.55
3.	Assam	1897.42	2539.31	2873.68	3687.34
4.	Bihar	662.12	865.90	5747.49	1711.06
5.	Chattisgarh	-	-	-	5257.62
6.	Gujarat	3487.21	4801.50	4350.60	5539.98
7	Himachal Pradesh	700.83	862.35	713.09	818.59
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	653.55	811.84	900.50	973.06
9.	Jharkhand	-	-	-	4842.62
10.	Karnataka	812.78	859.19	896.16	1476.67
11.	Kerala	379.86	718.95	455.60	326.53
12.	Madhya Pradesh	10775.25	12415.27	12182.73	8500.13
13.	Maharashtra	4363.67	4453.58	4076.54	5294.59
14.	Manipur	1147.30	889.92	758.18	1950.21
15.	Meghalaya	283.05	166.50	221.88	1167.87
16.	Mizoram	124.00	107.50	280.65	382.54
17.	Nagaland	138.75	316.25	155.06	2246.94
18.	Orissa	6533.53	6739.14	7070.36	8962.87
19.	Rajasthan	3339.59	4472.09	4061.43	4625.27
20.	Sikkim	163.25	69.75	99.57	414.16
21.	Tamil Nadu	395.21	379.87	558.59	326.47
22.	Tripura	1287.85	1485.53	1283.91	1279.25
23.	Uttar Pradesh	223.41	257.12	218.13+	51.44
24.	Uttaranchal	-	-	74.80++	104.96
25.	West Bengal	2062.08	2824.38	2366.89	2800.36
26.	A & N Islands	118.00	133.90	255.40	233.90
27.	Daman & Diu	70.75	66.10	44.60	66.10

+ Out of this, an amount of Rs.74.80 lakhs transferred to Govt. of Uttaranchal.
++ Transferred by the Govt. of Uttar Pradesh.